

Module Title :	SS2767 – Irish Social Policy 1 (10 ECTS)
	<p>This module, which will run in both Michaelmas and Hilary term, comprises two sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty & Social Exclusion - Michaelmas Term • Housing Policy – Hilary Term
Module Content:	<p>Poverty & Social Exclusion (5 ECTS) This module aims to introduce students to core knowledge and debates surrounding the ways that social policy understands, measures and explains poverty and social exclusion. It challenges students to critically apprise how poverty and social exclusion may be understood and how social policy goals and provision are influenced by conceptual interpretations of poverty and social exclusion.</p>
Learning Outcomes:	<p>On completion of this section of the module students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recall and critique competing definitions and measurements of poverty and social exclusion • Critically evaluate competing theoretical explanations for the causes of poverty • Critically evaluate competing explanations for why specific groups are at higher risk of poverty • Assess the effectiveness of policies to address poverty and social exclusion
Key Readings	<p>Alcock, P. (2006) <i>Understanding Poverty</i>, Basingstoke: Palgrave/Macmillan</p> <p>Considine, M. & Dukelow, F. (2009) <i>Irish Social Policy: A critical introduction</i>, Dublin: Gill & Macmillan</p> <p>Curry, J. (2011) <i>Irish Social Services</i>, Dublin: Institute of Public Administration</p> <p>Department of Social Protection (2016) <i>Updated National Action Plan for Social Inclusion 2015-17</i>, Department of Social Protection: Dublin. Available at: http://tinyurl.com/gw3y6rm</p> <p>Lister, R. (2004) <i>Poverty: Key Concepts</i>, Cambridge: Polity.</p>

<p>Module Content</p>	<p>Housing Policy (5 ECTS)</p> <p>This section of the module will provide a comprehensive introduction to housing and homelessness policy in Ireland.</p> <p>Module content will include the addressing following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is housing policy? • Why do governments intervene in the housing market? • What is housing tenure, what are the differences between different tenures, and why does it matter? • What theoretical approaches are there to housing policy? • Why did house prices rise so quickly, only to fall again? • Has the Local Property Tax been a success or a failure? • What can be done about mortgage arrears? • What is Nama? • What is the housing experience of minority ethnic households in Ireland? • Have government housing policy objectives been achieved? • What theoretical explanations are there for the nature and extent of homelessness? • How have homeless services changed during the last 20 years? • What are the key current homelessness policy issues?
<p>Learning Outcomes:</p>	<p>On completion of this module students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have a clear understanding of why and in what fashion governments intervene in the housing market, and to what effect. • have a good understanding of the operation of the housing system and the role played by different housing tenures • be equipped to assess the impact of housing policy initiatives. • have a comprehensive understanding of a number of topical issues in housing policy. • have a thorough understanding of the causes, nature and extent of homelessness.

Lecturer for Poverty & Social Exclusion	Dr. Louise Caffrey This section of the module will consist of: 2 x 1 hour lectures per week 1 tutorial per week starting in week 3
Lecturer for Housing Policy:	Mr Simon Brooke
Assessment 1:	Coursework = 50% of overall grade
Assessment 2:	Coursework = 50% of overall grade